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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/372,170  
Attorney Docket No. YO998-529  
Our Reference: YOR.057

Dear Examiner Smithers:

Enclosed is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2003, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURE AUTHORIZATION AND  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the  
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